

SPORTS



Championship of sensations

The first four rounds of the 50th world and 61st European ice-hockey championship in Prague were so lavish with sensations as to pass for a whole championship. Only the USSR, the world champion, travelled this part of the hockey marathon, which finishes on May 3, without losses. It clinched eight points in four games. They are followed by Canada, Czechoslovakia and the USA with six points each; Sweden — four and Finland — two. West Germany and the GDR have no points.

The USA provided the main sensation. Though they lost 1-11 to the USSR at the start, they went on to oust the teams considered hot favourites prior to the championship. The USA beat the Canada Cup finalists, Sweden and Canada, 4-3 each and the hosts, Czechoslovakia, 3-1.

After the game against Sweden, the US coach Dave Peterson said that his experienced players

from NHL clubs played well and that their performance inspired the younger players from university clubs. Despite the initial defeat, he said, the USSR coach Viktor Tikhonov predicted our success in the future and we tried to match his words with play.

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Peace Race: on courses of four countries

The start of the 32nd Peace Race will be given at 10 a.m. on May 8 at the monument to Soviet tankmen in Prague. This was reported at a press conference in Prague attended by organizers of the popular road race — representatives of the editorial offices

of "Rudé právo" (Czechoslovakia), "Trybuna Ludu" (Poland), "Neues Deutschland" (GDR) and "Pravda" (USSR). For the first time in the history of the race its course will pass through Soviet territory, too.

World ice-dancing champions Natalya Bentayeva and Andrey Bulka from Moscow acting in the annual exhibition performances in the Palace of Sport of the Lenin Central Stadium which crowned the first post-Olympic season for top Soviet skaters.

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Introducing a champion

'GOLDEN' DIVES

20-year-old Nadzhip Alyautdinov from Klev has won the 3 m springboard at the European diving cup in the Zurich Uetikon swimming pool, the main surprise of the competition. Making his debut in such a big tournament he outstripped second-placed 1983 European champion Pyotr Georgiev of Bulgaria by nearly 40 points. Albin Killat of West Germany came third.

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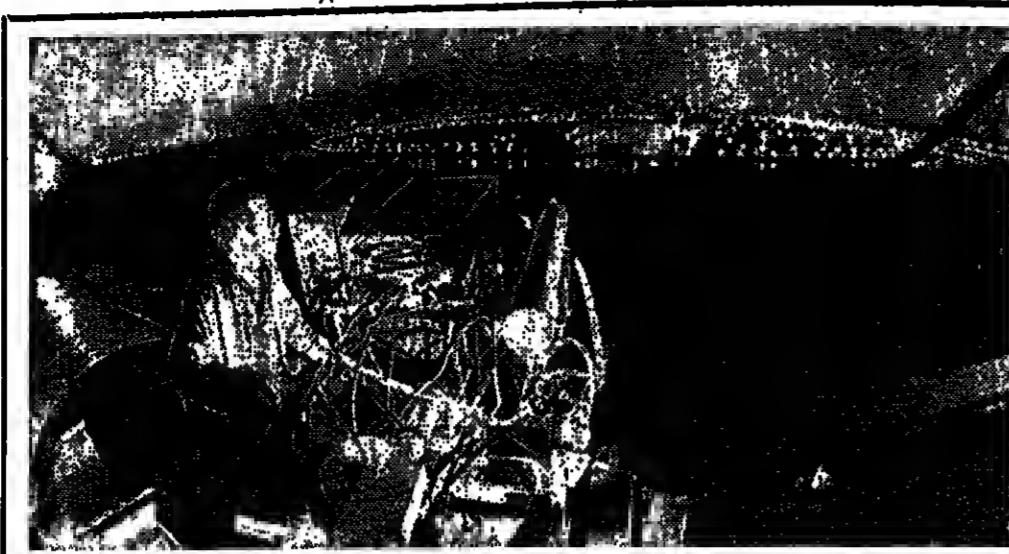
HOME NEWS

Round the Soviet Union

A KIT OF "WORKPIECES" EMPLOYED BY THE LIVING CELL IN THE BIOSYNTHESIS OF PROTEINS IS NOW PRODUCED BY BIOLAR, A PRODUCTION ASSOCIATION IN THE LATVIAN CITY OF CLAINE. THESE INCLUDE NUCLEIC ACIDS, LIPOMALS, AMINO ACIDS AND THE COMPLEX PARTICLES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSFER OF HEREDITARY INFORMATION. OF THE TWENTY SUBSTANCES PRODUCED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES AT THE ASSOCIATION MOST ARE BEING MADE INDUSTRIALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

AN ULTRASOUND HYDRO-DYNAMIC MIXER DESIGNED IN LENINGRAD INSURES CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS OF DIESEL FUEL USED BY RIVER SHIPS. IT MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO REPLACE HIGH-QUALITY FUEL WITH LOW-GRADE SUBSTITUTES WITHOUT ANY LOSS OF POWER, BECAUSE ULTRASOUND ENFORCES PREVIOUSLY UNREALIZABLE HOMOGENEITY OF MIXING.

IN BAKU, THE CAPITAL OF AZERBAIJAN, A MAIR-3 COMPUTER INSTALLED AT A LOCAL COMPUTER CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE VERY HELPFUL IN INTRODUCING SCHOOLCHILDREN TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION THEORY AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY. AMONG THE PROFESSORS TO BE TAUGHT TO THE CHILDREN ARE OPERATING AND PROGRAMMING. COMPUTER EDUCATION WILL SOON BECOME A MAJOR DISCIPLINE IN THE TRAINING OF YOUNG SPECIALISTS FOR ALL AZERBAIJANI INDUSTRIES.



LASER MONITORS AIR PURITY

Laser — the wonderful discovery of Soviet physiologists Basov and Prokhorov — is used in many branches of science and technology.

Not long ago it began to fulfil yet another function. With its staff members of the Central Aerological Observatory in Moscow have begun to check the air of the city.

All the industrial enterprises within the city limits operate on the principle of closed cycles, i.e., the water and air needed in the process of production are not ejected into the air but are purified and reused.

The municipal authorities are trying to improve public transport to such a way that people would less frequently use their own cars. As a result of this little exhaust gas is discharged into the atmosphere.

Parks, public gardens and boulevards — the "green lungs" of the city — also greatly help to purify the air.

A total of 11,000 million roubles have been allocated from the State Budget for environmental protection in the current five-year development plan period (1981-1985).

tions make full use of water resource-maps.

In the mountains man-made lakes have been created, from which numerous water conduits stretch to cities and villages. Efficient machinery helps raise water at a height of 800 metres and more. By the end of the next five-year development plan period (1986-1990) the water supply problem will be fully solved. Dust storms frequently occur

there, in summer it warms up to 45 degrees Celsius and drops down to 10 degrees. To tackle this problem success in transport, energy and industrial problems.

Since 1981 eight new gas fields have been under exploitation in the Karakum Desert, about 20 gas fields existing.

For three months, 23 specialists from Bolivia, Ghana, Greece, Zambia and India, Iran, Jordan, the Chinese People's Republic and Cuba, Laos, Nepal, Sudan, Turkey, the Philippines, and Yugoslavia will undergo comprehensive theoretical and practical training at the USSR State Planning Committee and in other organizations. They will familiarize themselves with the system of population planning in the Soviet Union and the solutions of other demographic tasks.

An exhibition of decorative bronze, dedicated to French sculptor Pierre-Philippe Thomire, has opened at the Hermitage Museum. Nearly 170 works by this author include acanthus compositions of gilded bronze, clock-candelabra, vases, perfume-pans. Two of his works are permanently displayed. These are three-metre standard-lamps, caryatids and a lamp-round with malachite columns.

The opening was preceded by a research that lasted about 10 years.

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No longer water shortage in Armenia

Mostly, a centre of the processing industry of Soviet Armenia (the Transcaucasus), no longer experiences water shortages. It is supplied to flats and industrial plants of the city from underground layers, along a 25 km pipeline. Now the daily water balance of Masis increases by 300 cubic metres per second. The new underground sources

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO MAN AND BIOSPHERE PROGRAMME

A hundred countries are taking part in the implementation of the Man and Biosphere programme incorporating 14 major international projects.

Academician Vladimir Sokolov, Chairman of the Soviet Committee for the UNESCO-sponsored Man and Biosphere (MAB) programme, Vice-Chairman of the International Coordinating Council for the Man and Biosphere Programme, wrote in *MEDITSINSKAYA GAZETA* that the USSR rated first in the world as to the scale and range of research. The national and republican MAB programmes include over 900 research and development projects. Soviet scientists initiators of a most important MAB project to study environmental pollution and its influence on the biosphere. It involves creating an optimal system for monitoring, evaluating and predicting environmental changes nationally and globally. In the past years, thanks to the painstaking efforts of the project's working group, many problems involved in the feasibility study of such a system and its implementation have been successfully solved. In the country.

It is only the USSR and Australia that worked during the past five years with all the 14 International MAB projects. UNESCO registered that Soviet-sponsored research work is the most numerous. Moreover, on the initiative of Soviet scientists a European centre for general monitoring is being set up, with the main task of developing sound methods for the evaluation of environmental pollution impact on ecosystems and human health.

MASTERING NATURAL RESOURCES

The building, coal, ferrous and non-ferrous metal industries annually consume 15,000 million cubic metres of rock, yielding huge dumps of waste. But these artificial mountains still contain a certain amount of useful minerals, which is rather wasteful economically speaking.

ing. Beads, the heaps of damps cause additional damage to the environment, which already suffers from the human impact.

These problems are under consideration of the Institute for Comprehensive Use of National Resources (IPRON), recently founded in the USSR.

The deputy director of the Institute, Professor Arsen Abramov informs the *SMBNA* magazine about the work he is doing to solve two interrelated problems — introduction of zero-waste processes and environmental protection.

Young researchers from the new Institute, but they have already made remarkable discoveries: new cheap industrial explosives from the waste of petroleum production, utilization of the former sworn enemy of man, methane, for house heating in miners' settlements, etc.

The problems of industrial waste, comprehensive extraction of natural resources, environmental protection concern not only the USSR. That is why the IPRON cooperates with a number of countries within the framework of CMEA and UNESCO. The results of its work will be even more fruitful, when a training centre for specialists from many nations, first of all from developing countries, opens in the Crimean seaside city of Yalta to study the latest IPRON technologies.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN HEALTH

A Soviet centre of the World Health Organization (WHO) for Using Information Systems in Medicine has been set up in Riga, the Latvian capital. *SOVIECKAYA KULTURA* reports that it was not for nothing that Riga was chosen as the "capital" for WHO activities in this field. The past fifteen years have produced a large-scale computer information system incorporating, at its lowest level, information units of all central district and city hospitals, drug depots and medical research institutions. All the units are equipped with automobile equipment, mini- and microcomputers and terminals. Source information goes to local medical outpatients and to the republican data processing centre. The 15 subsystems of the centre solve some 700 dif-

ferent problems. All the republic's medical resources from available beds of hospitals and drugs, as well as money, as well as occurrence of disease, mortality, etc., are easily monitored.

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Soviet countrymen demography

The highest birth rate in the past 40 years has been registered in the rural areas of Latvia. Twenty years ago, every 1,000 people had a record, has been broken, the central statistic report says. The Baltic Soviet republic is 25 per cent higher than in large cities, where the growth in birth rate is

The tendency towards families, which became particularly manifest in rural areas, explained, in the first place, the great concern shown by state and agricultural officials for farmers, said L. Luss, Minister of Social Affairs of Latvia. Therefore, a family, unlike the one in the city, has an average of two children. Out of the 200 Latvians with more than 10 children, two-thirds live in the countryside.

A farmer's family enjoys the benefits envisaged by the Soviet population. These include child care, free of charge, medicines, free drugs, medical services, the retention of a member of the family for a year, etc. Rural families are provided with additional financial aid. Newlyweds are given flats with due compensation given to future family members.

The farms greatly assist the construction of kindergartens, schools, Pioneer camps and medical centres for children. Birth of a third baby is mainly the cooperative effort of the bulk of workers, especially personal friends, of land.

Such a competition was offered by the leading youth newspaper "Komsomolskaya Pravda". Journalists asked readers to write about the young people who, in their opinion, could be included in the Soviet delegation to the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students to be held this July in Moscow. The aim of the competition is to select the most deserved representatives, who are good workers and socially active.

Many readers suggest that people whose reports and essays in "Komsomolskaya Pravda" they are familiar with be included in the delegation. Among them are a young officer of the Soviet Army Georgi Kudinov, who covered a soldier with his body during an accident, the well-known gymnast Dmitry Bilozarhev and many others.

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Competition: 'Invitation to Festival'

Science and technology LASER IMPROVES TEA QUALITY

Searching for ways to improve the quality of tea specially working for the Georgia-Tea association have decided to try laser radiation. Experiments were rather convincing in that a laser impact increases the percentage of tannic, the main component of the enigmatic tea beverage. Its taste and aroma are likewise enhanced.

ANCIENT SILVER PITS 4,000 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL

The ancient Silver Belt known as the main producer of silver in the 10th century has been discovered in the Pamirs. According to Tajik scientists, it stretches for one hundred kilometers along what was once the Murghab and Shangun regions of the mountainous Badakhshan 4,000 metres above sea level.

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STUDY OF NORTH ATLANTIC

Scientists of the Soviet Baltic Republics of Estonia have studied the southern branch of the North Atlantic current which plays a major role in forming the climate of the European continent. Aboard their research ship "Arnold Volmer" they conducted work in the Newfoundland zone of the Atlantic.

As was reported by Kaili Rebons, President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, the zone releases into the atmosphere the amount of heat ten times greater than other areas in the same latitude.

Estonian scientists with colleagues from Finland, the FRG, Sweden,

who participated in experiments aboard the "Position" ship, collected a wealth of material on the branching of the current south-east of the Flemish Cap Bank, on temperatures in upper layers of the ocean from the Azores Islands to the English Channel. The analysis of the data obtained will help make characteristics of synoptic fronts, determine dependence of the climate on temperatures of waters of the current, and produce exact weather forecasts.

Estonian scientists participate in the study of global warming of the World Ocean, they conduct joint explorations with colleagues from Finland, the FRG, Sweden,

VIEWPOINT

Acceleration

Alexander GUBER

The 27th CPSU Congress was held by a recent Plenary Meeting of the CPSU Central Committee on February 25 next year. As Mikhail Gorbachev said, it will be a time for bold decisions and energetic action. Which precisely?

This, first of all, refers to a series of accelerations of the socio-economic development of the country. To achieve this we shall have to mobilize the resources of our society and the socialist economy, eliminating obstacles in the process.

So far production and living standards in the USSR have grown dynamically and steadily, doubling per capita incomes over the past 15 years. But now such rates of growth, unavoidable for the capitalist world, no longer satisfy us. We need new directions to help activate the tremendous creative potential of the people, and the initiative of millions of people, every working collective, so as to achieve the goal set by the Party.

What were the measures discussed at the Plenary Meeting?

The radical acceleration of scientific and technological progress, a decisive transition from improvement of the available machinery and technology to the creation and mass introduction of new ones in all areas of the economy, in such a way that they just don't supplement the old but substitute them. For this purpose, already in the 12th five-year plan starting next year, there are plans to boost the development rates of engineering 1.5-2-fold.

The meeting rigorously tackled the issue of improving quality and solving resources. The entire economic work is subordinated to it. Being developed are new and more effective material incentives; personnel responsibilities of all heads are also enhanced.

A lot of work will have to be done to improve planning and management of the entire mechanism of the economy. Of course, this in itself is not a new task for us, however, it is set in a new way, radically and precisely. We'll have to introduce order into all the elements of planning and management, create a balanced effective system, remove unnecessary elements, limit instructions, strengthen the independence of factories, and raise responsibilities of heads of working collectives. The idea is to more consistently and creatively implement the socialist principles of management. We intend to retain our advantages, stable development, absence of unemployment, inflation, crises and stamps. As before, we will also retain social justice. Simultaneously we will get rid of everything hindering faster development.

The goal, as a matter of fact, is still the same — raising the living standards of Soviet people and more fully meeting their material and spiritual needs. The more effective the economy, the more effective our efforts in this direction, and the more weighty the contribution of the Soviet state to the consolidation of peace and advancement of international cooperation.

ENTERTAINMENT

BRIAN HESFORD: DEVOTED TO SOVIET PEOPLE

British composer and organist, Brian Hesford, has devoted his "Requiem" to the memory of Soviet people who died in the Second World War. It was recently premiered in the Soviet Union during guest performances by the musicians. It was a great success in Moscow, Kiev and Kishinev.

In my work I wanted to glorify the heroism and courage of those who gave their lives for the deliverance of mankind from the brown plague, fascism, he said. Now, on the eve of the 40th anniversary of Victory, some people in the West are attempting to belittle and distort the role of the Soviet Union in the defeat of Hitlerite Germany. When I wrote the "Requiem" I thought of the millions of lives of the Soviet people who ensured victory. I am glad that my new work sounded for the first time in the Soviet Union — the land of great experts made in the interest of peoples' happiness.

Cycle of Czech music

The name of the Soviet conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky is well known in audiences. Many programmes performed under his baton open up new and before unknown pages in the art of composers from different countries.

A short while ago, Rozhdestvensky and the Symphony Orchestra of the USSR Ministry of Culture ended the performance of a cycle of all Haydn's symphonies by Soviet composers dedicated to Dmitry Shostakovich. The orchestra's new work is a cycle of four concerts: "Bohuslav Martinu and the 20th-Century Czech Music". Most of the pieces in the programme are performed for the first time. The commentator in the programme, like in all the previous ones, is the conductor himself. He tells the audience interesting facts concerning the music performed and narrates the life story of the composer.

The aim of the cycle is to perform all the symphonies written by Bohuslav Martinu, one of the major talented composers in this century, said Rozhdestvensky. We have also included in the programme music by Czech composers who are his contemporaries and whose music is linked with Russian literature and music. When I first thought of arranging this cycle, I decided to show the deep roots which link the Russian and the Czech music.

Alexander YEGAZARYAN

PROFILES

IGOR VASILYEV



Highest creative strain. This is, probably, the reason why there are so many portraits of actors, writers, composers and ballet soloists in his studio.

As I perceive music is closer to sculpture than other forms of art though, as it seems, these two extremes, says Vasilyev.

However, by the internal laws of rhythmic construction they are very close. For me a criterion of a good or bad sculpture is its musicality. Naturally, as every sculptor, I am much interested in the human body. If we compare the beauty of the body, it was understood to Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt, India or

"India is very much chorished by Latvian sculptor." This is the title of an article about Igor Vasilyev, published in the weekly national bulletin. Nearly two years have elapsed since his one-man exhibition "Multifaceted India" was held in that country, but press comments as it continues.

From childhood he was sure of his future profession — sculptor. From the age of 13 he began studying at the Academy of Arts in Riga as an ensign, and by the age of 17, when he was to enrol in the Academy, Igor had actually gone through all the courses. The training proved to be thorough and he was admitted to the second course. At the age of 21 he was offered an appointment as a teacher...

In the third year Igor Vasilyev began working with wood and this became his favourite material. It attracted the sculptor by its warmth, plasticity, diverse texture and different degrees of hardness. Vasilyev was very fond of portraits but it was not their mere appearance that interested him but, above all, the spiritual principles that manifested themselves during the



The "India" Triptych.



The "Latua" sculpture depicting a building in New Delhi.

resting and unexpected things I saw Indian fakirs, serpent charmers, dancing women, peasants — they all became the main characters of my sculptures...

Igor Vasilyev's sculptures are deeply emotional. Each work lives its independent life, creating round itself a microcosm filled with the content, the emotion which the artist's hand breathed into it.

We saw the lively portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, the first Prime Minister of the Republic of India, a big triptych "India".

Now I, Vasilyev is working on the sculptural portrait of Indira Gandhi, which will be done full-length in bronze, and also a series of medals dedicated to the statesmen of that country.

Alexander KHARKOV

FACTS and EVENTS

Opera. The Tbilisi Philharmonic and ballet company is currently touring Finland. In Tampere and Helsinki the company will show "The Serenade" by Tchaikovsky, "Sergel's Ballet", "Romeo and Juliet" and Glinka's "Parsy and Boris" produced by Mikhail Lavrovsky.

Festivals. In Tbilisi, Mazur's transcription of Hendel's performance "Acls and Galates" has been premiered to mark the conclusion of a festival dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the birth of Bach and Hendel.

Books. A team of scientific workers in the Selykov-Shchedrin Library has prepared for publication "Library Notes by Veltov". The first volume was printed several years ago by the

Soviet Publishers of the German Democratic Republic's Academy of Sciences. The third volume of this work which has just been published contains Veltov's notes preserved in the books of Descartes, Denis, and Diderot.

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MUSIC CALENDAR

Muzika Publishers have brought out a music calendar "Songs of the Great Patriotic War", in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Great Victory. It is a synthesis of painting, music and poetry.

Each of the huge sheets of the wall calendar is devoted to a particular stage in the history of the Great Patriotic War.

Its publication continues the popular series of music calendars, started by this publishing house several years ago, including "Portraits of Composers" and "Russian Folk Songs". The 8th International Tchaikovsky Competition will be held in 1988 and a new music calendar devoted to the creative work of the great Russian composer is being prepared for publication. The illustrations — reproductions of paintings and photographs — deal with the life and work of Tchaikovsky and his best compositions.

Next to the illustrations are the texts telling the history of the great musical compositions.

A scene from the opera, "The Brothers Karamazov", premiered by the Moscow Chamber Musical Theatre. The production, based on the novel of the same title by the great Russian writer Fyodor Dostoyevsky, was termed "pages from a novel" by composer Alexander Khodinov and the theatre's chief director Boris Pokrovsky. In the play Pokrovsky did away with any scenic effects, with action unfolding on a totally bare platform cloaked in black drapery. The pattern of the composition is strict and simple. The main theme is that of Dmitry Karamazov, but the denouement of the hero also becomes here a philosophy of the play — man's resurrection through love, which is both in suffering and exploration.

Photo by Mikhail Sirokov

WHAT'S ON!

April 27-29

THEATRES

Bolshoi Theatre (Sverdlov Sq., 27) — Verdi, "La Traviata" (opera), 28 (mat) — Khrennikov, "Love for Love" (ballet); 28 (eve) — Tchaikovsky, "The Queen of Spades" (opera).

Victory Parade (Central Documentary Film Studio). A full-length documentary about the Victory parade in Moscow shot in 1945.

Cinema "Rossiya" (22 Profsoyuznaya St.), Main Picture House.

Tsvetanya Kunikova Sq., Mtsk Kurkskaya.

Strelka (2nd floor).

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition Hall, USSR Amb. Union (46 Gorky St.). An exhibition of works by Moscow artists members of the People's Artist corps during the Great Patriotic War. On display are more than 100 cleavages — plates of battle portraits, landscapes, still life, portraits, Mendeleyev, noon bell, Metro, "Sevastopol Waltz", busses 1, 12, 20.

Central House of Art Workers (9 Pustinskaya St.), 27 — Grockovsky, "Quadrille"; 28 (mat, eve) — Ziv, "Seven Little Soldiers"; 28 (eve) — Ziv, "Mausoleum".

Listov, "Sevastopol Waltz".

FILMS

Pervroopere (Gorky Film Studios, USSR).

About paratroopers of the Air-Landing Forces about their hard hot romantic occupation — which demands constant vigilance and risk. Chernenko, "Neurologist" (47/25

BUSINESS

'We have a lot to learn from Soviet colleagues...'

A thermal power station Co-mandante Luis Piedrabuena is being built in Bahia Blanca, Argentina. With it the installed power will grow by 15 per cent to the province of Buenos Aires.

The thermal power station with two units, each with a capacity of 310 megawatts, was designed by Soviet experts. The USSR supplied Argentines with turbines, generators, transformers and other equipment. Part of the equipment is being produced in Argentina with Soviet technology. The first power unit has been fully assembled and the second will be completed.

Turbines and generators are being mounted by Argentine workers and technicians with the assistance of Soviet experts. We have a lot to learn from

Contacta and contracts

© Leningrad's commercial activities have been broadened lately, with Sweden and Norway becoming its new partners. The intergovernmental Soviet-Swedish agreement on coastal trade, signed recently, laid a legal basis for cooperation with that country. As in Norway, it has already staged its first exhibition of export commodities in Leningrad. Leningrad's Import-Export Bureau is drawn up so as to meet the requirements of its clients. It buys in Finland various industrial equipment, building materials, light and food industry products and perfumery. In its turn, Leningrad supplies to Finland almost 300 items produced by Soviet plants.

The publishers specialize in albums devoted to various countries, the world's biggest museums and books, among them a series of the national cuisines of different countries.

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CONCERT HALLS

Lens Central Stadium, Palace of Sport (Luzhniki), 27, 28 — Evening devoted to the "All Star" ensemble. Merited masters of sport of the USSR, masters of sport international class, world and European champions, and champions of the Soviet Union are taking part, among them: Igor Bobrin, Yury Ovchinnikov, Irina Verobiova, Igor Klyushnikov.

Okiyevsky Hall, House of Trade Unions (1 Pustinskaya St.), entrance No. 7, 27 — Evening of chamber music by Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev. Ielizaveta Murzinikova, laureate of an international competition (piano), performs.

RACING

Hippodrome (22 Bagayev St.), 28 — Racing and trotting. 1 p.m.

WEATHER

April 27-29

In Moscow, city and regions, cloudy, with clear spells and short rains (wet snow possible in places) on April 27. Night temperatures of 0°, +8°C (to -2°C in places) and 4°, +9°C during the day, later rising to 11°, 16°C. W and SW wind, 5-10 mps.

According to long-standing statistics, the highest temperature (+23°C) in Moscow on April 27, was registered in 1964, while the lowest (-8.1°C) in 1984.

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Airline companies cooperate

It is 20 years now since the establishment of regular air communications between Moscow and Roma. Traffic has steadily increased over the period, amounting to 100,000 passengers last year alone. The geography of services has expanded, too; at present Moscow and Leningrad have regular flights to Rome and Milan and many charter and excursion flights.

On the eve of the 20th anniversary an intergovernmental agreement was reached considerably expanding this cooperation. Aeroflot and Alitalia will be able to more fully meet the steadily growing transportation demand and use comfortable wide-bodied planes. Both companies will further cooperate on the Trans-Siberian route between Italy and Japan, which is the shortest and safest route for today. New Alitalia will be able to fly B-747 wide-bodied planes via Siberia.

The successful development of bilateral cooperation relies in considerable measure on the well-established business links between Aeroflot and Alitalia, the aviation authorities of both countries, a good knowledge of partners, and mutual respect and trust.

I. PLATONOV

SECRETS OF RUSSIAN CUISINE

Recently publications director of the Castell Publishers in Saragossa, Jesus Manuel Martinez, visited Kiev, Vilnius, Leningrad and Moscow at the invitation of VAAP, the All-Union Copyright Agency.

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the current visit.

We have already printed the latter and it enjoyed considerable commercial success in Spain and Latin America. The new version will be increased and improved.

We hope that both books will sell well both in Spain and abroad.

Our publishing house is young and we have attended, only as guests, international book fairs outside Spain, yet we do not rule out the possibility of officially attending the Moscow Book Fair this September.

Pavel ZARIFOV

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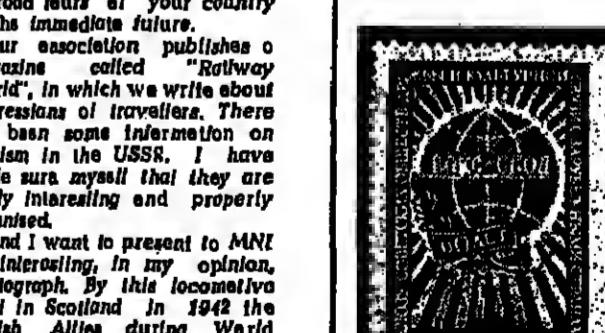
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